

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3521 - SB 3408

March 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the Department of Audit as the recipient of each state governmental entity's annual Title VI implementation plan and compliance report and makes the Tennessee Human Rights Commission the official recipient of such reports; deletes the requirement that the Department publish an annual cumulative report of its findings and recommendations concerning submission of implementation plans and compliance reports.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

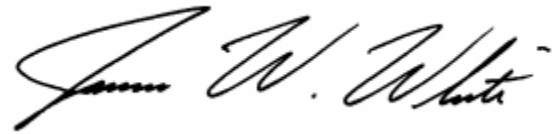
Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Public Chapter 437 of the Public Acts of 2009, the Title VI Compliance Program was transferred from the Department of Human Resources to the Human Rights Commission. One position and the funding for this position were also transferred.
- Public Chapter 437 required each state governmental entity to submit annual Title VI implementation reports and plan updates to the Human Rights Commission, which would prepare a cumulative report of findings for distribution to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain libraries. Public Chapter 437 also gave the Commission additional duties and responsibilities with regard to Title VI compliance.
- Under current law, state governmental entities are required to submit these same reports to the Department of Audit. The department then prepares a cumulative report for distribution.
- This bill removes the duplication of effort, which is reflected in similar responsibilities required in § 4-21-901 and § 4-21-203 but carried out by two separate governmental entities.
- No additional fiscal impact is expected for the Human Rights Commission since the Commission is already required by Public Chapter 437 to carry out this responsibility.

- Any savings to the Department of Audit for no longer being required to compile and publish an annual report is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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